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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09481.0009-01000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Jeffrey A. HEROUX et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1637
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Application No.: 09/976,437)	Examiner: S. Chunduru
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Filed: October 15, 2001)	
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For: ASSAYS FOR MEASURING NUCLEIC)	Confirmation No.: 3932
ACID BINDING PROTEINS AND)	
ENZYME ACTIVITIES)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of October 19, 2004. A fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,


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